

I am an irregular route truck driver covering the contiguous United States. XM radio gives me information important to the safe and expedient execution of my profession. With XM I do not need to search for information on "local" stations or listen for the information I require. It is in the best interest of my customers, myself and local emergency personnel that I am aware of problems related to traffic and weather. If I want to become further involved with local events or information, I can scan the dial at leisure to find the local programming I want. The alternative pressed by NAB would force me to scan the dial, select a station that has the information I need and then wait until the next "on the X minute" when the information will be broadcast and do all this while lumbering right into the middle of the mess I could have avoided. My listening to XM does not impact the local stations and allows me to make decisions regarding routing hundreds of miles from major population centers. Better for me and the local authorities if I wait until the blizzard has past before I charge into the problem. Better for my customer to arrange an alternative delivery time than to have me add to local problems.